

ROSENTHAL CRIME RESULTS IN FIVE LEGAL EXECUTIONS

Four Gunmen Who Actually Killed Gambler Precede Becker in Electric Chair

MURDER WAS SENSATION WITHOUT A PARALLEL

Former Police Lieutenant Exhausted Every Angle of Law To Save Himself

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head of the Strong Arm Squad of detectives, freely sold police protection and had accumulated thousands of dollars of graft money.

Rosenthal went further than that. He swore that Becker was his silent partner in a gambling enterprise that failed and that Becker, angered by losses where he had expected large profits, raided the Rosenthal establishment and drove Rosenthal out of business by stationing uniformed policemen on his premises day and night.

Rosenthal is Murdered

These charges were published and District Attorney Whitman began an investigation of them. He summoned Rosenthal to the Criminal Courts building and listened to his story. An appointment was made with Rosenthal for the next day. Before the time came, Rosenthal was murdered.

When the assassins had done their work, they ran across the street, jumped into a grey automobile which was waiting at the curb and whirled away up town. A bystander caught the license number of the car.

District Attorney Whitman, notified by telephone of the murder, reached the police station where Rosenthal's body lay before dawn. He aroused his detectives from their sleep and spread a dragnet over the city for the murder car. It was found before night. Its driver, Louis Shapiro, and Louis Libbey, were arrested, confessed and Mr. Whitman asserted openly in an emphatic statement that the police had abetted the murder.

Grand Jury Investigates

New York City, already interested in the charges of police corruption, responded to the news of the murder as if to a call to arms. Becker, who had been the chief target of Rosenthal's accusations, was openly suspected. He was relieved of his command of the Strong Arm Squad and transferred to the Bronx Jail. Becker, his graft collector, walked into the criminal courts building the day after the murder and surrendered to the district attorney, declaring he had nothing to fear. Harry Vallon and Bridgie Webber, gamblers and friends of Rose and Becker, were arrested as witnesses.

The grand jury began its investigation. Rose lay in prison twelve days without word from Becker, and believing his chief had deserted him, confessed. Vallon and Webber corroborated his story. He told of his long association with Becker, of police corruption which existed as Rosenthal had charged, of thousands collected by Becker for police protection, and, finally, of his commission by Becker to arrange to have Rosenthal killed by gunmen—a commission he executed. Becker is indicted.

That night, July 29, 1912, District Attorney Whitman summoned the grand jury by telephone and telegraph, laid his evidence before it and within two hours obtained the indictment of Becker on charges of murder.

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CHARLES S. BECKER

Who Died This Morning in Electric Chair For Murder of Herman Rosenthal, New York Gambler



May 6, 1914, and ended May 22, with a verdict of guilty. He was sentenced to die during the week of July 6, 1914. An appeal was filed but the conviction was upheld in the higher court in a decision handed down May 23, last, and the date of the execution was set for the week beginning July 12.

Wife Remains Loyal

Throughout Becker's troubles his wife remained loyal to him and was his constant adviser. She labored apparently without trying in his behalf, assisting his counsel in every way possible. She appeared to be crushed when the court of appeals upheld his second conviction, but soon turned her energies toward eleventh-hour work to save him. It was largely at her urging that he joined in the plan to ask Governor Whitman, his prosecutor, for clemency.

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SIERRA TO CHANGE ROUTE IS BELIEVED

Lurline May Undergo Alterations Next Year If Business Warrants the Expenditure

It is accepted generally in San Francisco that the Oceanic steamer Sierra, withdrawn for three months from the San Francisco-Honolulu run, will be put on the San Francisco-Honolulu-Australia run, if a mail contract can be made with the United States government. This was the statement made by an officer of the Matson steamer Lurline, which departed last night for Kahului, to return Sunday morning.

Besides a new propeller, the Sierra will have general repairs to her engines and changes in her cabins, it was reported in San Francisco.

Would Cost \$100,000

In this connection, there is a well-founded report, which appears to be accurate, that the Lurline will be rebuilt as to her cabins, should the change be transferred and business warrants the change. The plan would be to lengthen the present cabin deck to the poop and to put on two deck-houses, instead of one the Lurline has now. The present deck house would be torn out, the deck extended, and a new house built in its stead, so that there would be no weakness between the two houses. The change would increase the cabin capacity of the Lurline from fifty-four to 100 or 120.

It is expected that the change, even though decided upon, will not be made until the slack season of the fall of 1916. The cost is estimated at \$100,000.

Officers of the Lurline, however, report that she may go on the Australian run. They anticipate nothing of that sort whatever. A rumor had come that she might take the through route as well as the Sierra.

Bookings Are Full

The same Lurline officer said that there was no chance of getting bookings from San Francisco for Honolulu until the middle of September, the Sonoma is booked full, with a waiting list of 125, for her next voyage he said, and 200 are on the waiting list of the Ventura. Pacific Mail and Matson steamers also are full. He explained the rush as of persons visiting the exhibitions at San Francisco and San Diego, and who are anxious to make the voyage to Honolulu while in the west.

Contrary to reports of the last few weeks, he said that the Panama-Pacific Exposition was drawing big crowds, running 80,000 to 100,000 a day, and that the attendance was in excess of expectation.

A few passengers went to Kahului on the Lurline. She took mules from San Francisco, 100 tons of freight, and twenty-one polo ponies belonging to members of the Maui polo four, which has completed its games of the series here. The steamer is due back here Sunday morning, to sail for four o'clock Tuesday afternoon for San Francisco with fifty-four passengers, her capacity, 6000 tons of sugar, 2000 tons of molasses and the usual amount of miscellaneous cargo, including canned goods.

Help For Hilonian

The Matson steamer Matsonia sailed for San Francisco twenty-four minutes late yesterday morning, having been held for the steamer Hilonian from Kauai, which had seven passengers for the coast. The Hilonian was expected here at daylight, but she was delayed in loading the last of her sugar at Port Allen, and did not arrive until a few minutes after ten o'clock. The Matsonia's sailing time. There were 240 first cabin passengers in the Matsonia for San Francisco, which fell below the 276 carried on the last voyage, when the Shriners went to San Francisco. As on June 30, all yesterday's passengers, the steerage being turned into first cabin. There was room for about thirty more in the steerage yesterday.

In the Matsonia's hold were 6000 tons of sugar, 600 tons of molasses, 7000 bunches of bananas and 12,000 cases of canned goods.

The Hilonian sailed at four-thirty o'clock yesterday afternoon from Pier 13 with 2781 tons of cargo and twenty-five passengers for San Francisco. Her time will be seven and one-half days, one day slower than the Lurline and Manoa. She was placed in passenger service temporarily to relieve congestion caused by the withdrawal of the Sierra.

Department Heads Confer

Superintendent of Public Instruction Kinney and other heads of departments have consulted the treasurer in the matter of insuring their employees. The treasurer has taken the matter up with the attorney general's department and has also written to a large number of insurance agencies with the idea of securing a statement of rates.

Some time next week a meeting of all heads of departments will be called for the purpose of discussing the matter and ascertaining how many employees will be affected.

No Provision for Expense

Treasurer McCarthy is hopeful of getting the money to pay the premiums from the Governor's contingent fund. The legislature provided for the territory insuring its employees but got to make provision for the expense untended.

Treasurer McCarthy, who is also insurance commissioner, plans to visit San Francisco in September, and while on the coast proposes to attend the insurance congress in order to better familiarize himself with insurance matters.

HAWAII WILL APPEAR IN WORLD'S DIRECTORY

Kelly's Merchants, Manufacturers and Shippers' Directory of the world, the standard authority of all English-speaking business communities, will contain in the 1916 issue a condensed installment of closely condensed information concerning the islands. Its chief resources, volume of business, principal mercantile firms, population and other items of kindred interest are now being brought up to date by A. P. Taylor, acting secretary of the promotion committee, to whom proof sheets were sent by the publishers from London.

BRUSSELS FINED A MILLION

PARIS, July 29.—Another fine of a million dollars has been imposed by the German military governor on the city of Brussels. The reason given for this fine is that during a British attack in June a Zeppelin was destroyed.

HONDURAS PRESIDENT QUITS

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, July 30.—President Francisco Bertrand, who in 1913 succeeded the late President Bonilla on his death, resigned today, so that he might be eligible as a candidate for the presidency at the coming elections.

SIX OFFICIALS OF TOMBSHIP ARRESTED

CHICAGO, Ill., July 29.—Six officials connected with the charter and excursion arrangements of the steamship Eastland, which turned turtle last week, have been held as a result of the coroner's inquest. W. K. Greenebaum, general manager of the company which chartered the Eastland, has been jailed. Secretary of Commerce Redfield is examining witnesses at a special federal inquiry.

LYMER TO RETIRE AS FIRST DEPUTY OF CITY ATTORNEY

Takes Fling At 'Muckrakers' In Letter of Resignation To Mr. Cathcart

WILL JOIN JUDGE LINDSAY IN PRACTISE OF THE LAW

First Deputy Attorney General Arthur G. Smith Named To Fill Vacancy

William B. Lymer, who since March 1, has been acting as first deputy city attorney, has handed in his resignation to take effect August 1.

Mr. Lymer, who is going into partnership with Judge Alexander Lindsay Jr., for the practice of law, will be succeeded in the city attorney's department by Arthur G. Smith, at present deputy attorney general, who will enter upon his new duties on September 1.

Lymer's position in the matter is explained in the following letter, written yesterday to City Attorney John W. Cathcart:

Sirs: Agreeable Relations

"I beg to hand you herewith my resignation as first deputy city attorney, the same to take effect August 1."

"In doing so, I wish to state that it is not for considerations of personal advantage of the most controlling character, I should desire nothing more than to remain indefinitely on your staff and continue the extremely cordial and intimate relations that have existed between us. I have never been more agreeably placed than in the five short months in your office, and I shall carry away with me a lasting memory of consideration, kindness and generous cooperation, which I have at all times received from you."

Rendered Value Received

"In view of the fact that it has been the subject of public comment, I will ask you to bear me out in the statement that I have rendered value received to the city during my incumbency as first deputy city attorney. It is true that I was absent on the Island of Hawaii, as attorney for the Parker Ranch in a water suit for almost five weeks, but it is likewise true that I served the city of Honolulu during the entire month of March, without receiving any remuneration by way of compensation, my name being placed on the salary roll the first of April. I did this, as you know, in the hope that later on I might assist myself from Honolulu for a like period without criticism; and because some criticism has developed, I take this means of placing before the public what the facts really are."

Thrust At 'Reformers'

"The sooner this community realizes that its public servants are for the most part as well meaning and honest as other men, but are unfortunately the target for professional mudslingers masquerading as reformers, the better it will be for all concerned."

"However, I have no complaint to make on any score, as my treatment has been all and more than I deserved from both myself and the mayor and board of supervisors, all of whom are beyond all question public spirited men, with the good of the community at their sole concern."

My reasons for resigning are too well known to require discussion here. I am forming, with Judge Alexander Lindsay, a partnership for the general practice of law, and will be engaged hereafter exclusively with my own professional work."

Both Partners Once Judge

Alexander Lindsay Jr., is one of the oldest lawyers in the legal profession in the Territory. He has been a judge on the circuit bench and was for some time attorney general. He is at present engaged in the practice of the law, and his business has increased so of late that he has found it necessary to form a partnership.

Mr. Lymer was deputy attorney general under Judge Lindsay. He has also been judge of the district court, and was a member of the law firm of Thompson, Wilder, Watson & Lymer. In this connection he was commissioned as a special attorney for the board of health during the yellow fever scare of 1912.

Handled Frontage Tax

During his connection with the city attorney's department, Judge Lymer has been kept busy in connection with the operation of the frontage tax and the legal end of various improvement projects, undertaken by the city. He will be associated with Judge Lindsay under the firm name of Lindsay & Lymer.

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WATER FRONT NEWS

Yokohama—Sailed, July 24, str. Nippon Maru, for Honolulu.

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San Francisco—Arrived, July 26, 10 a. m., str. Tenyo Maru, from Honolulu, July 20.

San Francisco—Arrived, July 27, 12:30 p. m., str. Manoa, from Honolulu, July 20.

San Francisco—Arrived, July 27, str. Enterprise, from Honolulu, July 18.

Hilo—Arrived, July 22, str. Halcyon, from Eureka.

Sydney—Arrived, July 26, S. S. Ventura from Honolulu, July 12.

Sydney—Arrived, July 27, S. S. Makura from Honolulu, July 14.

August Sound—Arrived, July 27, str. Prosper from Port Allen, July 3.

Bahamas—Arrived, July 26, S. S. Mexico from Hilo, July 7.

San Francisco—Arrived, July 28, Bk. R. P. Rithet from Mahukona, July 7.

Seattle—Sailed, July 28, S. S. Panaman from Honolulu.

Eureka—Arrived, July 28, str. W. P. Jewett from Waiman, July 6.

San Francisco—Sailed, July 28, 12 noon, S. S. Wilhelmina for Honolulu.

San Francisco—Arrived, July 28, Training Ship Newport from Honolulu, July 14.

San Francisco—Sailed, July 28, str. Defender for Honolulu.

Port Allen—Arrived, July 28, Bkt. Pukalo from Newcastle.

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Gray's Harbor—Sailed, July 28, str. Caroline, for Honolulu.

Vancouver—Arrived, July 28, S. S. Niagara from Honolulu, July 22.

San Francisco—Sailed, July 28, S. S. Arizona for Delaware Breakwater.

Kahului—Sailed, July 28, schooner Ariel, for Eureka.

PORT OF HONOLULU.

ARRIVED.

Str. Kilauwa from Hilo, 6:25 a. m.

Str. Lurline from San Francisco, 7:30 a. m.

U. S. tug Fortune from San Francisco, 7 p. m.

U. S. S. Naushan from San Francisco (Pearl Harbor), 7:30 p. m.

Gas. schr. Kaena from Oahu ports, 12:30 a. m.

Str. W. G. Hall from Kauai, 5:40 a. m.

Str. Melania from New Orleans, 8 a. m.

Str. Clan Campbell from Manila, 8:30 a. m.

U. S. N. Auxiliary Naushan from San Francisco, 7 a. m.

U. S. N. Collier Nereus from Norfolk, 7 a. m.

Str. Hilonian from Kauai, 10:05 a. m.

Str. Yucatan from Newcastle, 3 p. m.